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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to a non-final office action in the above case dated November 2, 2005, in which the Examiner objected to the drawings, the claims, rejected certain claims as indefinite (35 U.S.C. §112, par. 2) and rejected all the claims as either anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) or obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art. Applicants amended the drawings and certain claims to overcome the objections and indefiniteness rejections, and further traversed certain of the indefiniteness rejections. Applicants also amended certain claims to distinguish over the cited art and submit that all pending claims 1-41 patentable over the cited art and are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3.

Amendments to the drawings begin on page 15 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16.